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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Tree grinders — Granite City Park District maintenance workers Gary Ford and Jim Stagier feed a Christmas tree into a chipper in Wilson Park. The district will be receiving trees for recycling in the park at the end of 29th Street until Jan. 15. Mulch for the trees will be provided free to park district residents for as long as it is available. Inquire at the park office for more information.

Pontoon board tackles finances

Bill gives trustee access to records

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach's troubled finances dominated much of Tuesday's Village Board meeting.

The board succeeded in overriding a veto by Mayor Glen Wilson of bills giving Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter access to bank records, paying the Internal Revenue Service and sending financial records dating back to 1992 to the auditor to find the extent of financial problems.

Wilson said he was vetoing a motion to allow Falter access to bank records because he "didn't feel it (granting access) was necessary."

At a special meeting last week, the board voted to allow Falter direct access to the village's general fund account



Falter

Whitsell

records at Omni Bank. Treasurer Lou Whitsell and Wilson argued at that meeting that only those who are authorized to sign checks are allowed access to information at the bank.

Whitsell and Wilson currently have that authority. In a memo to Wilson on village finances included in information packets given to trustees at Tuesday's meeting, Whitsell said he believed state statutes give him control over

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municipal funds, and that he had directed officials at Omni Bank that "no one has access to the accounts, except the Mayor and Treasurer."

"To allow anyone else access will cause me to consider moving the accounts to another bank," the memo continued. "After I receive and reconcile the accounts, they become a public record and anyone can be furnished the accounts from the treasurer."

Later the board passed a motion to make Omni Bank the sole depository of village funds except those in the tax increment financing accounts. Whitsell maintained that choosing banks was the decision as treasurer, and

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Slough developer hoping to resume project

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Christmas 1995 was not the best holiday for the Steve Lathrop family.

But Lathrop is hoping that 1996 will be much better.

Four years ago, Lathrop, of RAMM Development, began construction on a proposed subdivision on his property at the end of Pine Street, near the northeast end of Granite City. In preparation for his project Lathrop moved tons of dirt and removed concrete, trash and

other debris that had accumulated in the Dobrey Slough.

He also dug a deep, two-acre lake in the former dump site as a part of his planned residential development. He intended to build homes around the scenic body of water.

Lathrop had invested most of his family's savings in the project to purchase the land, lease equipment and buy



Lathrop

materials. He recruited former City Engineer Brett Hanke, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, to assist him with engineering details.

He planned to build one house for his parents, one for his own family and several others to sell to make the project profitable.

But the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a cease-and-desist order based on the Clean Water Act, halting construction because the property is considered wetlands and Lathrop had failed to submit an application to build in a wetlands area. The corps also required Lathrop to return the project area to its

pre-construction condition. Lathrop could also be fined up to \$25,000 per day by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and could spend time in prison, although jail time is unlikely.

Now, four years later, Lathrop is hoping that the Corps will allow his project to resume.

In addition to cleaning up what he considered a dump, Lathrop claims that the lake he constructed before his project was halted has helped stormwater drainage in the flood-plagued Dobrey Slough area by

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Church provides space

Program puts people to work

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Faith without works is dead, and a job placement program run out of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice is putting an emphasis on work.

Since early November, Manpower Temporary Services — a Fairview Heights-based job placement company — has been interviewing potential workers at the church, located at 1349 Klein St.

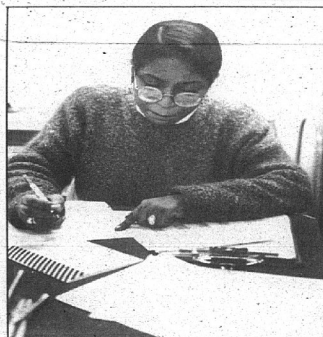
So far, about half of the 200 people interviewed have been placed in jobs.

The church opened its doors to the company after the Illinois Department of Employment Security closed its Granite City office.

Manpower had conducted interviews and testing at the state office once a week; it needed a new place.

The Rev. John Henry Williams, pastor of New Salem, said he invited Manpower officials to the church as part of its

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(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Valentine Mitchell scores tests at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

Port project could be economic boon

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Regardless of the eventual outcome, the selection of the Tri-City Port as a finalist for a new \$150 million agricultural processing facility is good economic news for the region, according to Dr. Charles King Jr., chairman of the Tri-City Regional Port Authority.

"If this project does go through, it'll help us diversify our economic base. And even if we aren't chosen as the finalist, it shows our efforts are beginning to bear fruit and bodes well for the future," King said.

The port has been selected by ConAgra, of Omaha, Neb., as one of four finalists in the company's search for a new soybean processing plant and packaging facility. The plant and packaging facility would occupy 80 to 80 acres of the port's property and

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— Charles King
Port chairman

directly employ more than 220 people. An additional 200 jobs are expected to be generated by suppliers to the new soybean oil packaging facility.

Three other sites — one in Indiana and two in Kentucky — are also being considered. Representatives of ConAgra are to visit the local port today. King said port officials will

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John Fuller, cast member, KSPK NewsChannel 5



Top Teen

Denise McMillan is always on the go.

At Granite City High School, McMillan excels in the classroom as well as athletics. She is a member of National Honor Society as well as captain of the volleyball and basketball teams. She participates in the honors program, ALPHA Peer Leaders, Belleville Area Youth Salute, Science Club, Varsity Club, Band Lettermen's Club, Modern Music Masters, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, soccer, 30 Days of Fitness, Math Team and JETS Team.

During the summer, the daughter of Charlie and Marilyn McMillan plays softball and soccer, is on Paddlers' Swim Team and officiates youth sports.



Denise McMillan

Suspected child molester beaten

A Granite City area man accused of molesting at least eight children under age 10 and videotaping the encounters was beaten by inmates at the Madison County Jail shortly after his arrest.

Timothy W. Williams, 31, a resident of the Sunny Shores Trailer Park in the 3100 block of West Chain of Rocks Road, was charged Monday with four counts of child pornography and one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault, authorities said. His bond was set at \$400,000.

Williams, an over-the-road

truck driver, was beaten by an unknown number of inmates shortly after deputies jailed him Saturday evening. He was later segregated from the general jail population.

"I feel, like all police officers feel, that when we deal with this type of a crime with children involved, I think the inmates in the Madison County Jail handled this better than we could have," Sheriff Bob Churchill said Tuesday. "We put him in jail and they beat the hell out of him. Apparently, he came out of some of

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Port may get project

The Tri-City Regional Port is one of just four sites being considered for a new \$150 million agricultural processing facility.

The new soybean processing facility, to be built by ConAgra of Omaha, Neb., is expected to create 225 jobs. Another 200 jobs would be created indirectly by a bottling facility to be located next to the soybean processing plant, said Bob Wydra, general manager of the Tri-City Regional Port.

One prospective site in Indiana and two in Kentucky are also being considered for the facility, Wydra said.

Rowden may sue village

Pontoon Beach Clerk Mary Rowden says she has had enough of the petty bickering and personal wars being waged in village politics.

"What we have here is a failed government. We can't even conduct a board meeting," Rowden said Monday. "It just goes from bad to worse and the residents of the village are the ones who are suffering."

The village's personnel files have historically been kept in the clerk's office — until Rowden was elected. The day after she took office, the police department confiscated the records.

The village board passed a resolution Dec. 13 requiring all personnel records to be maintained in the clerk's office. But Rowden, who needs the records to verify employment and take care of health insurance for the village's 19 employees, said Monday she had not received them.

Power plant foes speak out

Opponents of the proposed Madison power plant tried to paint a picture of residents in mind not testifying at a hearing Monday at the Illinois Department of Transportation headquarters in Collinsville.

In response, attorneys for the city and the developer tried to show that residents of the Cloverleaf subdivision had ample opportunity and information.

At an appeal hearing Monday before the Illinois Pollution Control Board, three opponents of the development said they had wanted to testify at the sitting hearing in late July, but felt intimidated by the force and type of questions asked by Madison City Attorney Casper Nighossian and John Papa, attorney for developer Michael Vrtis.

During cross-examination, Papa and Nighossian emphasized that none of the three were told they could not testify or were threatened.

Abused dog recovering

A dog that was severely abused in Eagle Park Acres Dec. 30 is undergoing a near-miraculous recovery.

Madison County Sheriff deputies Gary Marsala and David Mooshegian discovered the medium-to-large dog in a vacant field in Eagle Park Dec. 30. The dog had been shot in the head and torso, stabbed with a frog leg, beaten, dragged down the street by a rope and left to die, said Kathy Beyer of the Association for the Protection of Animals in Granite City.

The dog received emergency medical treatment at the Animal Emergency Center in Collinsville and was transferred to Animal Care Center on Maryville Road. He is currently being treated by Dr. Larry Davis.

Arthur Carter, of Hill Street in Eagle Park Acres, has been charged with aggravated cruelty to an animal, Beyer said.

City won't pay bill

The city of Granite City is withholding payment of its most recent bill from an engineering company handling the cleanup of gasoline contamination at its main fire station.

On Tuesday, the city council voted unanimously to pay the city's bills — less a bill for \$1,688 from the engineering firm of Schrieber, Grana & Conley.

SCY's most recent quarterly report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicates a gauge was not working at the time of testing. During that testing, levels of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes in three of the six monitoring wells were reported to be above those determined by the EPA to be safe. And almost a foot and a half of free product gasoline was found floating on top of the groundwater in one monitoring well.

The city has spent more than \$500,000 for the cleanup so far.

Pontoon fireworks continue

In some places, the new year is celebrated by a fireworks display.

In Pontoon Beach, village officials waited until a special emergency meeting three days into the new year.

At a meeting Wednesday, called to discuss finances, officials traded barbs and snide remarks before approving a transfer of funds to ensure that village workers would be paid.

However, a direct deposit received by the bank at the close of business Wednesday made the transfer unnecessary.

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

They're present on nearly every street. Some of them are readily apparent and can easily be avoided. But others are lurking beneath puddles.

After the headaches associated with driving on icy and snow-covered streets is over, a new problem appears — potholes.

And there are plenty of them in the Tri-Cities area.

Street crews were out in force Wednesday filling the huge gaps in roads caused by the wet and freezing weather the area has experienced in the last couple of weeks.

First, water from melting snow or freezing rain seeps into cracks in the pavement. Then, when temperatures fall below 32 degrees, the water freezes and expands, tearing up road surfaces. Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin said.

The result is streets that resemble the surface of the moon. Drivers can try to avoid the craters by swerving, but they are often hidden beneath a puddle of water, seemingly reaching out and grabbing tires and giving unsuspecting drivers a jolt.

Driving through a pothole can damage automobile tires and wheels, throw wheels out of alignment, jolt hubcaps loose and, less often, cause severe damage to the frame of a car.

The Granite City Street

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dramatically increasing storage capacity. He also says his project created habitat for waterfowl and plants.

In a letter dated Oct. 27, 1995, Michael Brazier, chief of the Corps' regulatory branch, required Lathrop to submit an "after-the-fact" permit application, including details of all the work he has performed to date and plans for future development.

Lathrop said Monday that he has completed plans for the project — including detailed listings of increased stormwater capacities, additional tree plantings and other work — and intends to submit the application later this week. Once the Corps receives the application, a public notice will be published, according to the letter.

"I have not changed my proposal. We're just going through the formalities," Lathrop said. "There are no hearings scheduled (yet) and nothing really new is happening."

According to the letter, neither Lathrop nor anyone else has permission from the Corps to take any action whatsoever in the project area.

In the meantime, Lathrop has been doing odd jobs to help support his family of four, which includes his wife and two daughters.

"We sold the freezer in order to make Christmas for the kids," Lathrop said. "It hadn't had anything in it for a long time anyway. It was just taking up space in the garage."

He said he recently built a house in a Granite City subdivision and has been doing maintenance jobs for churches and a St. Louis toy store chain to help pay bills. Family members have also pitched in to help with expenses, he said.

Helen Hawkins, a long-time resident of the Doherty Slough area who strongly opposes Lathrop's development, said last week that she thinks the Corps will allow Lathrop to resume his development and,



Vance Reznack, left, and Bernard McGee dump cold-patch asphalt into potholes at the intersection of Maryville and St. Clair roads.

Department was filling holes as quickly as workers could find them this week, trying to shoot down the pothole "monsters" before they could do much damage.

Lakin said the patches being used to fill holes now are just

a temporary fix until spring weather comes and holes can be fixed permanently.

He urged city residents to get together with neighbors and park cars on one side of the street during the next snow storm.

"That way we can clear all of one side. Then, if they all park on that side, we can clear away the rest and have it clean from curb to curb," Lakin said.

Costello in Madison today

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, will speak to students at Harris Elementary School in Madison today at 10:15 a.m.

Costello said he would discuss the role of government and the ongoing budget negotiations in Washington.

Costello will also speak with Granite City Mayor Ron Selph and Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen at 1 p.m. today regarding federal funding for local law enforcement.

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the inmates what he was being held for."

Authorities said Williams' injuries were not serious. The warrants specifically allege that Williams filmed two children under the age of 18, one boy and one girl, in the act of intercourse on April 30, 1995; that Williams filmed two boys under the age of 18 in the act of intercourse on June 27, 1995; and that Williams fondled a girl under the age of 13 on April 30, 1995.

A preliminary investigation indicates Williams molested the children — five girls and three boys ranging in age from 7 to 10 years old — and filmed them engaging in sexual activity between April and June 1995, authorities said.

Authorities said Williams gave the children liquor before and during the sexual activity. The children were either neighbors or friends of Williams' 8-year-old stepson.

The aggravated criminal sexual assault charge alleges a molestation offense involving a 10-year-old girl.

Church said other children may have been involved. "There's probably going to be some additional charges."

Williams' wife, whom authorities do not think was involved in the incidents, alerted the department Saturday after she found several videotapes and photographs in her husband's briefcase depicting the activities, authorities said.

In the presence of Williams' wife, deputies searched Williams' tractor semi-trailer truck, which was parked in a large lot in the 3100 block of West Chain of Rocks Road. Several items were confiscated as evidence, including a video camera, six videotapes, a Polaroid camera and pornographic magazines, authorities said.

Church said Williams can be heard on the tapes instructing the children in how to perform sexual acts. It was not immediately known whether Williams sold videotapes or photos of the children while he was on the road, he said.

"We haven't talked to him along those lines yet. I wouldn't say that he hasn't."

Authorities said the investigation would continue and that no other adults had been implicated so far.

It's the first time that I can remember an adult videotaping children engaging in sexual activity (in Madison County)," Church said. "(Williams) had a knack with kids."

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Power plant ruling delayed until March

11 testify during hearing on appeal

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A decision by the Illinois Pollution Control Board on the appeal of the siting of the Madison power plant will be delayed until March to allow both sides to file legal briefs. A public hearing on the appeal ended at about 6:30 p.m. Monday.

During the day, 11 witnesses — including opponent Kathy Andria of Stop Polluting Illinois — testified at the hearing. Eight of those were residents of Cloverleaf subdivision who opposed the plant.

Also called were Granite City Press-Record reporter Scott Cousins and Madison Alderman John Hamm.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Michael Wallace, chief hearing officer for the IPCB, said opponents would have until Jan. 29 to submit a brief. Proponents would submit by Feb. 12, and opponents would have to respond by Feb. 20.

Normally the board has 120 days to make a decision, but the deadline was extended at the request of John Papa, attorney for the developers.

Wallace said the briefs must be to the IPCB clerk in Chicago by the deadline.

Opponents had filed an appeal of the siting of the 60 megawatt, \$75 million power plant with the IPCB. Andria filed the appeal with the IPCB on Oct. 28.

Also named as plaintiffs in the suit are the Madison County Conservation Alliance; the Sierra Club; Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins; and Cloverleaf subdivision residents Shirley Crain, Glenda Fulkerson, John Gail, Thelma Orr, Ron Shaw and Pearl Stogsdill.

The two main issues in the appeal are fundamental fairness and jurisdiction.

The jurisdictional questions revolve around two complaints — that residents of Cloverleaf were improperly notified about the public hearing on the plant in late July, and that no complete application was on file for inspection at the Madison City Hall.

The fundamental fairness question deals with whether opponents were given a fair chance to present their case against the plant siting.

Much of the morning and early afternoon's testimony centered on how opponents felt "intimidated" by Madison City Attorney Casper Nighossian; questioning in the afternoon concentrated on a trip to Michigan by four Madison aldermen in August.

After breaking for lunch Stogsdill testified. Then Shaw testified that he had been extremely frightened during his testimony at the July public hearings, especially after he was questioned about passing out leaflets against the proposed plant.

"I don't know the law that well," he said. "I didn't know I would get into trouble."

Shaw, who said he had heart and nerve trouble, added that he had become so upset home after testifying that his wife had to stay home with him the next day.

During cross-examination, attorney John Papa pointed out that it was Andria who raised the questions about the filers, and said that Andria had attempted to blame Nighossian and himself for upsetting Shaw.

"It's clear that is not the case and I want the record to reflect that," Papa said.

Crain then testified that during the July hearings Vrtis came up to her after she testified and told her he was "not leaving, and neither is my plant."

"He should not come up to me in that manner," she said.

Later testimony focused on the trip to Michigan by Aldermen Hamm, Alexis Lux, Michael Vrabec and Eleanor Armour to visit

OK sought for processing facility

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The developers of a 60-megawatt, \$75 million power plant will be seeking siting approval for a wood-processing facility next to the energy plant.

John Papa, attorney for Metro-East LLC, a subsidiary of Connecticut-based STRV LLC, said he submitted a legal notice to the Granite City Press-Record that the company would be filing a request for local siting approval to the city of Madison on Jan. 29.

The proposed plant would process approximately 300,000 tons of waste wood per year into fuel pellets. The process would also produce an estimated 45,000 tons of other recyclable material.

The proposed facility would be labor-intensive, and would double the number of jobs at the site. However, the cost of the new facility would be far less than the energy plant.

In November, developer Michael Vrtis and Bob Kirby of Westmoreland Energy, a new partner in the project, said they were negotiating with the Norfolk and Southern Railroad for the purchase of land adjoining the energy plant site.

At the same time Vrtis said two sites were under consideration.

He said one advantage for locating the facility next to the energy plant is that the fuel can be delivered by conveyor belt. If it is located somewhere else, the fuel pellets would have to be delivered by truck.

The facility would use magnets, air separators and a float tank to remove recyclable materials from the wood fuel.

The approval process for the wood processing facility is identical to the energy facility. A public hearing must be held between 90 and 120 days from the receipt of the siting application.

plants similar to the proposed Madison plant. The availability of transcripts from the July hearings was also discussed.

Andria asked that materials brought back from that trip — fuel and ash samples, video tapes and still photographs — be submitted as evidence.

Both attorneys objected, saying she had several months to ask the IPCB to subpoena the materials.

Wallace said the proper time to ask for the materials is identical to the energy plant, a discovery motion — was before the hearing started, not at the end.

The board should not have the luxury of continuing this because of the discovery deadline," he said. "This is not newly discovered evidence. It was obviously available."

Andria then attempted to submit two newspaper articles about the trip.

Both attorneys objected. Wallace agreed. At the end of her presentation, Andria took the stand and said that a copy of the hearing transcript was not available from the city before the public comment period ended 30 days after the hearing. She said she had seen a copy obtained by someone else the day before the public comment period ended, but would not identify that person.

"I was greatly hampered in making public the materials," (See HEARING, Page 9A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Gifts galore — The staff at Landmark Realty in Granite City recently donated toys and toiletries to the Phoenix Crisis Center for distribution over the holidays. Pictured, from left, with some of the items are: owner Dennis Burgess, agents Jan Hartwick and Fred Fossieck, owner Bob Rohrkaste, secretary Arline Watkins, agent Rosalie Stern, secretary Jan Langsdorf, agents Marianne James, John Parker, Janet Partney and Betsy Talcott, broker/manager Evelyn Spickett and agents Bernie Maxfield and Neva Lucas.

Ambulance referendum delayed

District plan advances

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Village Board voted Tuesday to remove a referendum on a village-wide ambulance service tax from the spring ballot in favor of joining in a larger referendum on an ambulance district in November.

At Tuesday's council meeting, the board voted to have Village Attorney Keith Jensen draw up a resolution rescinding a previous decision to seek a referendum on a village ambulance tax of 25 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Trustee Mike Macek said the village of Pontoon Beach and the Long Lake and Mitchell fire protection districts have reached a consensus.

"I think we came to terms with Mitchell and Long Lake," he said. "We'll shoot for a November resolution and have one big district."

The village has already filed paperwork for the referendum with the Madison County Clerk's office, and has until Jan. 15 to have it removed.

Marvin Ribbing, chairman of the committee formed to look into the creation of such a district, said at the meeting that the boards of the two fire districts had approved the paperwork necessary for the referendum in the spring, but had given him the authority not to file with the clerk's office if an agreement was reached.

The committee — made up of representatives from the village, fire districts, and Nameoki and Chouteau townships — have been working for about three months on plans to create an ambulance district.

The district is being considered because of the difficulty in keeping an ambulance firm in the area to provide service.

Village officials had been leery of joining the fire districts, because not all the village would be included.

Most Pontoon Beach residents are in the Long Lake Fire District, but small parts are served by Collinsville, Glen Carbon, State Park Place and Mitchell.

Wetzel named council head

Banker Robert Wetzel, a longtime member of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, has been named the organization's president for this year.

"I'm pleased they've given me the opportunity to participate in an activity that's very important to the area, but I'm just one of the people who's been involved in it," said Wetzel, president of The Bank of Edwardsville.

The council, which includes leaders from business, education, government and labor in Madison and St. Clair counties, promotes infrastructure

improvements to foster economic development.

The organization has supported projects like the Clark Bridge at Alton and the planned extension of Interstate 255 and led local efforts to keep the Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City and Scott Air Force Base off the

list of military bases targeted for closure.

"We have a number of super things taking place," Wetzel said. "The new joint-use airport at Scott Air Force Base will have a significant impact on the entire area and the MetroLink extension to Scott will be a big plus."

MLK event Sunday at New Salem

The Rev. Samuel Bradford will be the guest speaker, and "Still Dreaming the Dream" will be the theme at the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein St., Venice, at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Shiloh AME Church Choir of East St. Louis will provide music.

The Rev. John Henry Williams of New Salem Baptist Church called Bradford "a Master of the 90s."

"This great preacher and pastor is a champion to the struggle of the people; a voice for the hopeless and the poor



Samuel Bradford

and the oppressed; a great educator," Williams said.

Bradford holds a doctor of divinity degree from the International Bible Institute, a master's degree in special evangelism, and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from the University of Chicago.

TRI-CITY AREA YMCA WINTER I SESSION

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Adult	7:00-9:00 pm	Friday	8	\$55.00
Steve Lenglet, Instructor				
STEP-UP AEROBICS	7:00-8:00 pm	Tues. & Thurs.	8	\$35.00
Sandy Margrabe, Instructor				
HUFF & PUFF	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon., Wed., Fri	8	\$35.00
Rolla Kelly, Instructor				
	5:15-6:00 pm	Tues. & Thurs.	8	\$35.00
Janet Collins, Instructor				

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Editorials

No compromise on 111

At first glance, the village of Pontoon Beach has everything going for it. The village is located at the intersection of two major interstate highways and bisected by two major state routes. Just four years ago, it was listed among the fastest growing residential municipalities in the state. With major residential subdivisions being developed and lots of prime, underused highway acreage available, it seemed that the village was ripe for commercial development and prosperity.

But a closer look provides a different picture — a community divided by petty bickering that passes as politics — and a good reason why the village remains stagnant.

Recent incidents at village hall have prompted Village Attorney Keith Jensen to threaten to resign and Village Clerk Mary Rowden to threaten a lawsuit.

Other recent episodes at Village Hall include a fired treasurer, problems with the Internal Revenue Service, questions about the ability to meet payroll, reported unrest in the police department and an audit that states that tighter financial controls are needed for village funds.

A wise man once said that the ability to govern relies squarely on the ability to compromise. Government cannot function when opposing factions refuse to meet face to face and work out their differences. The recent and unprecedented shutdowns of the federal government attest to that fact.

Last week, Pontoon officials called a special emergency meeting to discuss the village's finances. Officials were concerned that the village would be unable to make payroll.

A sticking point was accessibility to village financial records. Mayor Glen Wilson threatened to veto a measure that would have given Trustee Gus Falter, chairman of the board's finance committee, access to bank information. The motion would not give Falter access to finances, but to bank records only.

It may seem ridiculous to some to deprive the chairman of the finance committee access to financial information. After all, that information should be accessible to the general public. But finances happened to be the argument of the day in the village and the discussion quickly deteriorated into name-calling and innuendo.

In most board arguments, participants usually come down along party lines, with Wilson, trustees Bob Abel and Bob Vincent and Treasurer Lou Whitsell on one side and trustees Mike Macook, Randy Presswood, Irene Karlechik and Falter on the other.

The most recent fight is an excellent example of everything wrong with the village. The village's most recent audit report states that no formal bookkeeping system has ever been developed for the village; that most records are kept piecemeal; and that in many cases records could not be found.

But instead of using the audit as a tool to improve services — a good idea considering the village's shaky financial condition — village officials have used it to try to make political hay.

We recently learned that a major investment group looking to develop a multi-million dollar automobile speedway along the Interstate 255 corridor has — at least temporarily — abandoned a proposed Pontoon Beach site in favor of another location. We don't know the details of the apparent snub, but cooperation among village officials certainly was not one of the high points on the developer's checklist.

And, as long as the powers that be continue to fight in Pontoon Beach, don't look for prosperity in the village's near future.

Maybe, as two village officials suggested this week, the village should hold new elections and start from scratch.

Good, bad potential in law

An apparently erroneous report released last week by the Illinois State Police demonstrates the potential for misuse, even if unintentional, in the new state law that expands requirements for sex offenders to register with local police agencies.

The state police report was based on Department of Corrections data and purported to show, county by county, how many sex offenders were required to register with police.

Previously, only offenders whose victims were children had been required to register, but the expanded law requires registration of anyone convicted of any sex offense within the past 10 years.

Calhoun County officials were stunned to find the sparsely populated county listed as being the home of 32 sex offenders affected by the law. Longtime State's Attorney Charles Burch immediately found the numbers suspect. Burch could recall only two such prosecutions in his 20-year career, and he was also struck by the report's finding that neighboring Jersey County, with four times the population, was listed with only 21 offenders affected by the law.

Burch raised a red flag with the state police, who quickly reviewed the figures and acknowledged they must be in error. When the correct number wasn't immediately determined, officials conceded it would be "considerably lower."

The error not only calls into question all of the other county statistics in the state police report but demonstrates the fear that concerns over the presence of sex offenders in a community will raise.

With his professional experience, Burch was able to quickly see the error of the numbers. But many, many others were probably needlessly alarmed.

"This kind of information really disturbs people," Burch said after the error was discovered.

We do not question the wisdom of making local police aware of sex offenders living in their community. Police agencies can and should be expected to treat such information professionally and discreetly and to use it for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

But the Calhoun County experience is a reminder that bad information has the potential to do more harm and create more confusion in a community than fair and accurate data.

All agencies involved with the new law owe it to the public to be meticulously precise in its administration.

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He's not mean — he's a lawyer

Casper Nighohossian is a mean, mean man. He gazes at people and intimidates them, yells and asks questions that frighten people.

At least, that's what the opponents of the 60-megawatt, \$75 million proposed electrical plant in Madison said.

Actually, he was a lawyer doing his job. And to people who don't deal with lawyers — especially ones involved in \$75 million dollar deals — that can be frightening.

At a hearing of an appeal on the siting of the plant Monday, a parade of opponents testified that they were afraid to testify during public hearings in July because Nighohossian, city attorney for Madison, "yelled" at opponent Kathy Andria, stared at them and otherwise intimidated them during four days of public hearings on the siting in July.

At Monday's hearing the principal plant opponents were Andria of Stop Polluting Illinois and Jim Bensman of the Sierra Club. The rest were residents of the adjoining Cloverleaf subdivision.

The opponents' main claim is that the hearing process was fundamentally unfair — that they did not get a fair chance to present their side.

While a minor part of the



Scott Cousins

written appeal, during the first part of the hearing Andria focused on what she called "threatening and intimidating" actions by Nighohossian and John Papa, attorney for developer Michael Vrtis.

During testimony, Cloverleaf residents Thelma Orr, Katherine Ely, husband Robert Ely and Ronnie Shaw said they had felt intimidated or frightened by the actions of the attorneys.

Robert Ely said he "didn't like being talked to that way" and that he would not have been able to conduct himself properly.

Or felt intimidated, noting that she had never participated in something like that before. Katherine Ely said she was intimidated because "I could not answer (questions) the way I wanted."

And Shaw said he became so upset after testifying at the July hearings that his wife had to stay home with him the next day.

During Monday's testimony,

Shaw became so upset during mild questioning by Nighohossian that he bolted from the room.

While the Cloverleaf residents have deep feelings about the proposed plant and deserve a chance to prove their point, concentrating on mean old Casper was a waste of time.

During the July hearings, Nighohossian was extremely forceful in his questioning of Andria and raised his voice on a number of occasions, but he pointed out that he was attempting to impeach her testimony. That means trying to catch her in misstatements or contradictions that would make the rest of her testimony unbelievable.

This was especially true after she stumbled into alleging city officials might be accepting money or other favors from Vrtis.

This led to a resolution by the Madison City Council asking the state's attorney's office to investigate the city, something you don't see every day (or decade for that matter).

Since then, Madison County State's Attorney William Haine has wisely decided not to involve himself, saying Andria's "allegations" were misstatements in the middle of a heated political debate.

But at the time, it outraged city officials, and during the hearing Nighohossian told Andria that if she did have any such information, she should "put up or shut up."

After she allowed herself to be put on the stand, Nighohossian and Papa proceeded to rip into her.

No matter how pleasant you try to be, impeaching somebody is going to be unpleasant.

They also went after George R. Arnold, a retired professor and self-described "idealistic environmentalist" who "emphatically does not trust the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or any other government agency."

He was the only witness in opposition to the plant who identified himself as an "expert witness."

Papa sharply questioned Arnold, who objected to the inclusion as evidence of Arnold's 1983 doctoral thesis because only the conclusions were submitted and not the accompanying evidence.

Other than those two, Nighohossian and Papa went relatively easy on the rest of the witnesses.

Can Nighohossian appear threatening?

Yes, to somebody who has not been properly prepared. Perhaps Andria should have spent her time on that.

Young Lions kept workers at home

For starters, a reminder to readers of the limitations imposed by newspaper deadlines.

Although there's a certain amount of stress involved, my own experience is that in terms of delivery of immediate news, writing for a daily paper is preferable. There's a certain risk that a weekly column such as this may, by the time it appears in print, be stale, dated, passe.

It's a risk worth taking, I think, because, although the discussions between the administration and the Congressional leaders is on-going as I write, the budget will remain a continuing problem, even if some compromise is reached before you read this today.

My comments, actually, are about budget and not about behavior, especially that of those House members referred to in the media as "freshman congressmen." They are guys who appear to consider themselves the Young Lions and I consider them rambunctious, undisciplined, spoiled brats. Brats who, if they don't learn soon that compromise is the name of the game in those hallowed halls, may never make it to their sophomore terms.

These 73 freshman are the hard liners who, in essence, have told President Clinton, "It's our way or no way," and who are perfectly willing to continue the partial shutdown of the federal government until they get their way.

The brats (and they're not alone, some presumably older and wiser heads are among them) are untouched by the fact that workers laid off since Dec. 15 are going to have to



Carol Clarkin

dig into savings to meet their bills and living expenses. They can't even be certain that they can borrow from their own Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund which, as of last week, was in danger of running out of money.

In fact, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas who, in case you forgot, will be making a bid for the Republican presidential nomination later this year, shares their lack of compassion for the furloughed workers.

During a recent appearance on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Gramm said, "I mean, doesn't it strike you funny that 380,000 government employees are furloughed, large segments of the government are shut down? I think this proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that we need to go back and eliminate another 150,000 to 200,000 bureaucratic positions in the federal government."

In addition to folks who are wading to apply for Social Security or a passport, we'll be looking at the loss of Meals on Wheels for the elderly in a dozen states, no renewals of 18,000 housing vouchers for Housing and Urban Development for low and moderate income families, possibly leading to evictions.

Because so many of the freshman Republican

congressmen are steadfast in opposing any compromise and in light of the fact that a similar mess can occur at a later date sometime down the line, I'm not a lot of other folk I've talked to recently. Let them put their money where their mouths are. Let them approve legislation, such as that proposed five times by U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin of Illinois, which would also keep the president and members of Congress from getting paid during such shutdowns.

Durbin's bill never passed, of course, and it never will. The furloughed workers may have to borrow from their kid's college funds, but as of last week, our government handed out federal matching funds for the upcoming '96 political campaigns for a total of \$22 million. Big-hearted Phil Gramm, of course was among the recipients to the tune of \$6.7 million, though he got only \$4 million. If this doesn't make you lose your lunch, I don't know what will.

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Negotiations begin on Clark violations

HARTFORD — State authorities are delaying a hearing on alleged pollution and environmental violations at Clark Refining & Marketing's refinery while negotiations continue with the company.

Assistant Attorney General Jim Morgan said a 13-count complaint filed in June was continued until next month to allow more time for discovery and settlement discussions. A hearing was to have begun Tuesday at Hartford Village Hall.

"A conference call was set Jan. 31 with the pollution control officer," Morgan said. "That discussion will probably determine the next hearing date."

If the negotiations are not successful, the state can proceed with the case, he said.

Attorney General Jim Ryan's complaint filed with the state Pollution Control Board alleges violations of the refinery's permitting process, record keeping and emission standards, and cites oil spills and water pollution at the facility.

The complaint asks that Clark be ordered to cease and desist further violations. The company could be penalized \$50,000 for each alleged violation and fined up to \$10,000 a

day for each day the violation persists.

Clark spokeswoman Krista Shepard said the company is in cooperative discussions with the Attorney General's Office and the EPA on the issues.

"We are hopeful we will reach an agreement without further litigation," she said.

Ryan said Clark has corrected the alleged discharge of particulate matter from the refinery's catalytic cracking unit that exceeded air emission limits, but other violations cited in the lawsuit have not been remedied.

The complaint charges Clark with repeated discharge of gasoline and asphalt waste into the Mississippi River, production of oil sheens on the water, alleged spills since 1991 from refinery pipelines, tanks and processing units, and excessive emissions from the wastewater treatment facility.

Clark also faces charges of submitting untimely, semi-annual reports plus constructing an activated carbon canister and operating a storage tank and guard basin without proper permits.

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Dependency program set

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Behavioral Health System, a leader in mental health and chemical dependency services, is now offering a chemical dependency relapse prevention group.

The group will meet on Monday evenings, starting Monday, Jan. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30, at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville.

This one-evening-per-week, six-week group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavioral patterns and helps group members grow in sobriety.

The group facilitator, Karen Boudreau, NCOA II, has been an associate at SEMC since 1987.

For more information, call the Resource Center at 799-3888.

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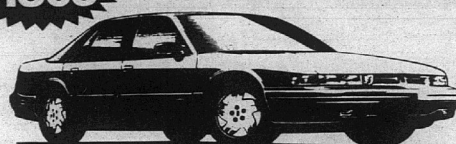
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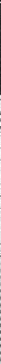
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Obituaries

Ethel Tapp

Ethel A. (Nicholson) Tapp, 69, of Granite City died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, following a two-year illness. She was born Feb. 5, 1926, in West Madison and had been a resident of Granite City for several years.

A cafeteria worker with Granite City Steel for many years, she was a member of the Pontoon Beach, Granite City and Madison senior citizens. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include three sons, Donald, Ronald and William Biggs, all of Granite City; three daughters, Alice Hull, Helen Marsala and Alpha Cantlon, all of Granite City; one brother, John Roberts of Granite City; one sister, Rosalee Uils of Doniphan, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer Biggs, who died in 1983; her second husband, Edwin Tapp; her parents, Joe Roberts and Sarah (Roberts) Roberts, who died in 1994; one sister, Dorothy Holman, who died in 1958; and one grandchild.

Services were Tuesday at Warner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Eugene Boulton
Eugene M. Boulton, 70, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 1996, at his residence, following a one-month illness. He was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Kennett, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for nine years.

A mess cook with the United States Army for 20 years, he served in the Navy for four years and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one brother, Jerry Boulton of St. Louis; two

slaters, Fern Lamb of Rector, Ark., and Reag Nash of Kennett; and his friends, Thelma Chandler and Kenny and Brenda Nichols, all of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Mary (Roper) Boulton.

Per Mr. Boulton's request, his remains were to be cremated. Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Janice Bridgeman

Janice E. (Erwin) Bridgeman, 83, of Normal, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:44 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

She was born March 1, 1912, in Granite City.

Mrs. Bridgeman received her nursing training at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She received her bachelor's degree in health science in 1955 from Illinois State University.

A registered nurse with the Illinois State University Health Service prior to her retirement, she was a member of First United Methodist Church in Normal.

Survivors include three daughters, Leslie Ficker of Marine, Jennifer Hartman of Lebanon and Mary Beth Traknat of Cookville, Ill.; two sisters, Betty Jo Matson of Edwardsville and Henrietta Odum of Normal; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Fawn N. (Kinney) Erwin, and one sister.

Services were Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Normal with the Rev. James B. Bortell officiating. A private burial was in East Lawn Memorial Gardens in Bloomington.

Arrangements were handled by Kibler-Smith Memorial Home in Bloomington.

Memorials are requested for First United Methodist Church or Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 3432, Bloomington, Ill., 61702.

Dewayne Wright

Dewayne Lamont Wright, 30, of Madison, died at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, at his residence. He was born in St. Louis.

Survivors include one brother, Jerry Boulton of St. Louis; two

slaters, Fern Lamb of Rector, Ark., and Reag Nash of Kennett; and his friends, Thelma Chandler and Kenny and Brenda Nichols, all of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Mary (Roper) Boulton.

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Survivors include one sister, Carlene Alexander of Madison. Visitation is from 8 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Officer Funeral Home, 214 Mississippi Ave. in East St. Louis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Biblesway Deliverance Church, 1247 Klein in Venice, with the Rev. Reggie Fields officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Wallace Angle
Wallace W. Angle, 46, of Madison, formerly of Granite City, died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 3, 1950, in Granite City and had been a lifelong resident of the area.

A welder with A.O. Smith Corp. for six years prior to his retirement, he was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Jessica Marie Angle of Cahokia; his father, Ellis F. Angle Jr. of Granite City; three brothers, Danny Lee Angle, Robert Ellis Angle and Timothy Glen Angle, all of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Angle, who died April 24, 1994.

Mr. Angle's remains were cremated. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. today at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today. Burial of the remains will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glenview.

Memorials are requested for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis.

John Kastelic
John M. Kastelic, 70, of Granite City died at 8:37 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where he had been a patient for four weeks. He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Granite City.

A district manager and senior field engineer with NCR Corporation for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1987, he was a signalman first class with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Ann Kastelic of St. Louis, Mo., 63119.

SEIB, Gunnar Brett, 3, of Collinsville died at 9:41 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, by the Rev. Robert P. Kosski. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher.

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board the U.S.S. Baron and U.S.S. Marathon.

Mr. Kastelic served with the Naval Reserve from 1948 to 1956. He was a quartermaster first class during the Korean War and a member of the U.S.S. Kidd Naval Association.

Survivors include three sons, John W. Kastelic, Esq., of Los Angeles, Mark M. Kastelic of Puyallup, Wash., and Dr. Keith A. Kastelic of Mission, Kan.; one brother, Kenneth P. Kastelic of St. Louis County; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty J. (Thomure) Kastelic, whom he married April 7, 1946, and who died Aug. 28, 1994; his parents, John J. and Pauline (Wlezor) Kastelic; and one sister, Mary Ann Maltz, who died in 1969.

Visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Twin Chapel, 3980 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. William Fisher officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Memorials are requested for the Disabled American Veterans.

Money raised

Employees of Scott Credit Union recently caught the holiday "giving" spirit by raising money for two worthy causes.

The local unit currently employs more than 250 people at its annual "100-Neediest Cases" campaign, and Don Bosco Children's Center.

SCU employees raised nearly \$600 through their charitable efforts.

Pontoon

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asked that the board obtain a legal opinion. Village Attorney Keith Jensen was not at Tuesday's meeting.

Trustee Mike Macek said the board should vote and get an opinion later.

"Let's just take a vote and if we're wrong we're wrong," he said.

The board then voted to override Wilson's veto of the

bill.

The board also voted to pay the IRS a total of \$4,281.22.

Palko said he talked to an IRS official in Fairview Heights, and she told him the village currently owes more than \$250,000 in back taxes.

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Papa declined to call witnesses. Nighossian called one witness, Hamm.

Under questioning, Hamm said he used only the information in the sitting hearing officer's report to make his decision.

Testimony ended at about 6:30 p.m.

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Bill would halt Chicago tickets

SPRINGFIELD — A legislator who has proposed barring Chicago from collecting parking fines against non-residents will give city officials one more chance to clean up their act.

Hundreds of Metro Area residents are among those who have complained over the years that they were harassed by Chicago for parking tickets wrongfully attributed to them.

Sen. Rep. William Black, R-Danville, said he had a two-inch thick file of complaints from constituents about Chicago parking tickets they said had been wrongfully sent to them.

But Black announced in the House Cities and Villages Committee Tuesday that he was holding off calling his bill until he meets with Chicago officials today, Thursday, at an open meeting in the Statehouse.

— From the Alton Telegraph

King agreed.

Another 185 hourly employees would be required to operate the facility, each starting out at about \$15 per hour.

Port General Manager Bob Wydra said that the local facility's access to soybean growing areas of the Midwest, and exceptional access to customers and the final marketplace make it competitive with the other sites vying for the project.

"Again, we're blessed by our location and hopefully projects like this will help us capitalize on our assets," King said.

The project between government, economic development organizations and the private sector helped draw the attention of Conagra.

In addition to work by the port district staff, representatives from the state Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Madison County, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission, the Regional Commerce and Growth Association and Illinois Power contributed to the port district's presentation, King said.

"To me, this is how community participation in managing the port district benefits the area as a whole," King said.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BRANNAM, William
"Windy" Sr., 65, of Granite City died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. Services were Wednesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. David Tyler. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials to the Lukemia Foundation.

LUEBBERS, Vella M. (Guthrie), 75, of O'Fallon died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at her residence. Private family services were Saturday at Kasky Mortuary Ltd., Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Hal Santos. Burial in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

PAVLON, John N., a.k.a. John Paul, 84, of Madison died at 7:17 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Madison, by the Rev. Robert P. Kosski. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher.

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Kirkover, Loyd Delbert, 63, Granite City
Knowles, Victor Clay, 76, Granite City
Koby, Stella (Kozak), 85, Granite City
Kraynak, John L., 75, O'Fallon
Laird, Gladys F. (Nutt), 85, Granite City
Lassaby, Myrtle May (Lonsdale), 95, Granite City
Liao, Margaret (Fletcher), 91, Granite City
Long, John T., 78, Granite City
Ludwig, Charles Milton, 34, St. Louis
Madrick, Rebecca Ann (Speer), 47, Norman, Okla.
Malmberg, Cleo O. (Abbott), 90, Clarkson Valley, Mo.
Mayo, Thomas L., 76, Cahokia
McBride, Nellie (Postponko), 75, St. Louis
McCombs, Nathaniel, 81, Berkeley, Mo.
Miller, Ann V. (Drope), 65, Granite City
Miller, Robert F., 64, Granite City
Morgan, Lenora E. (Holmes), 84, Granite City
Munzart, Harvey C., 88, St. Louis
Myers, Minnie M. (Carter), 86, Doniphan, Mo.
Myers, Hugh W., 82, Mountain Home, Ark.
Nash, Herbert M., 78, Granite City
Newell, Patricia (Mosey), 64, Madison
Oberlack, Olga O. (Ruster), 90, Granite City
Pala, Leo C., 82, Granite City
Pavilion, Antonio (Hladik), 97, Granite City
Peltman, Nancy P. (Almus), 59, Granite City
Petrol, Christopher John, 23, Bridgeton, Mo.
Phillips, Henry Lee, 49, St. Louis
Potts, Hubert Earl, 70, of Troy
Pratt, Marjorie P. (Lynch), 71, Granite City
Ramsey, Sylvia L. (Hodge), 77, Granite City
Rohls, James Joseph, 65, Granite City
Rosenfeld, Edith A. (York), 69, Pierson
Sarich, John, 79, Granite City
Schlar, Cora Olive, 78, Edwardsville
Sedlack, Michael, 99, O'Fallon
Seegars, Sherman D., 48, Staunton
Shemwell, Virgil (Smith), 88, Dover, Tenn.
Shepherd, Harry Elmer, 83, Granite City
"Stack, Will Newman, 74, Dover, Tenn.
Stewart, Thomas E., 82, Highland
"Stovort, Verna Mae (Hafford), 90, Edwardsville
Taylor, Charles A., 53, Granite City
Taylor, Charles P., 82, Rosewood Heights
"Titi, Ruby Pauline (Lynch), 82, Granite City
Valencia, Anna (Strank), 87, Granite City
Vest, Marce, 47, Granite City
Watkins, Joe Nathaniel, 31, Madison, Ala.
Wiley, Byrd Dwight, 32, Centerville

Willson, Kathryn J. (Adolph), 77, Granite City
Yates, Audrey, 84, Granite City

NOVEMBER
Borenes, Ida Dennis, 88, Madison
Buckingham, Rosalie P. (Misurco), 67, Granite City
Burris, Betty L. (Rice), 67, Granite City
Burton, Alexis Nicole, 12 days, Granite City
Bush, Robert, 81, Mitchell
Butler, Audrey Matlock, 82, East St. Louis
Byrd, Sarah (Hill), 77, Madison
Carpenter, Edward J., 80, Granite City
Cargill, Jimmie Don Sr., 54, Granite City
Clubb, Rev. James F., 73, Collinsville
Colony, Kenneth Ray, 46, Belleville
"Crockerell, Lennie B., 86, Indian Mound, Tenn.
Crowder, Ruby Lee, 68, Brooklyn
"Daugherty, Catherine M. (Smother), 70, Greenville, Ill.
Dierkes, Emmett, 82, Granite City
Dodd, Bradley R., 47, Granite City
Doniken, Nazare, 84, Granite City
Doyle, Maude Susan (Thomson), 58, Granite City
"Duffy, Virginia B. (Bramlette), 81, Alton
Eason, Edna A. (Buchanan), 82, Madison
Franklin, Laura E. (Allen), 83, Granite City
Gibson, Tommy W., 39, Granite City
"Gocho, Louise (Micheal), 91, Collinsville
Gray, Velma M. (Bauer), 72, Granite City
"Guenter, Donald Lynn, 63, Adolphus, Ky.
Haddler, Rosella C., 63, Granite City
"Hassler, Anita (Toscani), 63, San Rafael, Calif.
"Hafferty, Lillie Mae (Hughes), 87, Brea, Calif.
"Hillick, John L., 80, Lake Zurich, Ill.
Hill, Eula M. (Pries), 88, Granite City
Hughes, Mary Jane (Browning), 61, Glen Carbon
Jacobs, Agnes (Bartlett), 72, Fenton, Mo.
Jenkins, Vivian L. (Slenkard), 81, Panama City, Fla.
Johnson, Alberta, 42, Brooklyn
Jordan, Thomas, 87, Madison
Julius, Kevin D., 34, Granite City
Kambich, Joseph B. Jr., 71, Granite City
Kimball, Sally Ann (Gafford), 86, Granite City
Kotolovich, Kate (Major), 89, Collinsville
Kulm, Eleanor, 48, Madison
"Lawrence, Angel, 12, Detroit
Lea, Kenneth Everett, 65, Edwardsville
Leith, Elizabeth (Brown), 89, Montpelier, Vt.
Lewis, Kevin D., 39, Pontoon Beach
"Lindquist, Stanley F., 65, Graton, Wis.
"Lowe, Glen, 85, Kennett, Mo.

Maby, Arcadius Verne, 60, Quincy
Mangoff, Helen A. (Svoboda), 85, Madison
Manning, Tyler S., 61 months, Granite City
Marzo, Beulah A. (Williams), 58, Collinsville
McAnish, Gladys D., 78, Granite City
Miles, Paul D., 41, Granite City
Miller, Robert A. (Whit), 80, Granite City
"Mills, John, 48, Grange, Texas
Mitchell, Harry, 66, Granite City
Moffatt, Joseph C., 78, Fairmont City
Mueller, Edward Nelson, 78, Pontoon Beach
Nabuse, Lizzie E. (Rosenthal), 95, Granite City
"Ostach, Jane M. (Tobolt), 53, Manchester, N.H.
Papp, Randall O., 50, Granite City
Parker, Paul, 62, Granite City
Pritchard, Michael Joseph Sr., 47, Granite City
Schmidt, Raymond F., 58, Washington Park
Sciglak, Frank J., 73, Granite City
Saph, Loreta S. (Irmen), 33, Granite City
Saul, Dora S. (Hill), 82, Pontoon Beach
Sewell, Russell L., 59, Belleville
Shelley, Harry J., 70, Staunton
"Shelley, Eugene M. (Jilek), 73, Granite City
"Stribe, Ruth F. (Luehmman), 74, Marine Sullivan, Evangelist John L. Jr., 84, Madison
"Taylor, Charles Arthur, 59, Irving, Texas
Thomas, Carl E., 76, Granite City
Thompson, Thelma Jean, 57, Madison
Tison, Charles, 63, Granite City
"Travis, Shelby E., 78, Brighton
Vasquez, Sonita E. (Marlowe), 71, Granite City
Vandergriff, Joseph Lewis, 34, Deato, Ill.
Wallace, Ruby M., 83, Granite City
Watson, Sarah L. (Turner), 81, Granite City
Wickham, Joseph, 78, Granite City
"Wilsman, Helen L. (Schoeber), 73, Maryville
Winter, William F. Sr., 66, Granite City
Worley, George A., 87, Granite City

DECEMBER
Allen, Charles Trebus, 85, Erin, Tenn.
Ash, Willette (Gibson), 65, Centerville
Barr, Denby H., 87, Petersburg, Ind.
Boach, Nellie L. (Alexander), 82, Mitchell
"Bolliger, Frederick R., 87, Carmi
Bos, Olga Mettelle (Schultz), 86, Waterloo
Boyd, Josephine (Douglas), 84, Madison
Bryner, Walter A., 80, Alhambra
Brums, Lela Marguerite (Biff), 85, Collinsville
Callahan, Delmar, 83, Granite City
Carroll, Tanya Louise, 22, Millstadt
Cheboud, Lily B. (Portgen), 76, Granite City
Cunningham, Robert David, 42, Granite City
Cunyan, Jodie Rae (Pheps), 21, Belleville
Deatherage, Minnie Alice (Thomen), 80, Mitchell
Dix, Wilbur Allen, 80, Granite City
Duland, William C., 19, Troy
Duncan, Frank Jr., 78, Granite City
"Erickson, Esther Mildred (Overbeck), 91, Hamilton, Mont.
"Fougereaux, Leona M. (Karron) Menschling, 76, New Albany, Ind.
Fredericks, Margaret H. (McFar), 71, Granite City
Garcia, Mary (Carril), 66, Granite City
Goodman, Beulah L. (Handley), 78, Granite City
Grissard, Salomone M., 79, Granite City
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Hall, Virginia L. (Tooney), 67, Collinsville
"Hamm, John W., 68, Bowling Green, Ky.
Hanken, Norma L. (McCart), 53, Granite City
Hendrickson, June (Elliot), 74, Pasco, Wash.
Herman, Patricia L. (Vincent), 55, Granite City
Hester, Marjorie M., 71, Granite City
Hewlett, Edith P. (Cochran), 82, Madison
Hilbreth, Louise (Topak), 82, Granite City
Hill, James K., 74, Granite City
"Hood, James, 54, Hot Springs, Ark.
Hosay, Naomi J. (Hubert), 72, Granite City
Kagay, Grace Louise (Smith), 84, Granite City
Kilbury, Philip E., 39, East St. Louis
"King, Edmond Lawrence, 86, Spokane, Wash.
Kmetz, M. Elsie (Mounier), 80, Madison
Lacey, Lora L., 80, Madison
Lamp, James E., 43, Granite City
Lancaster, Phyllis C., 80, Pontoon Beach
Lowe, Ray E., 76, Rosch, Mo.
"Loyel, Cassilda Emma (Becherer), 98, Edwardsville
McDonald, Mary Rozelle (Hayden), 82, Collinsville
Mayes, Marvin, 83, Madison
McCann, Nettie Margaret (Ezell) Hargrove, 83, Granite City
McMillan, Charlotte K. (Kambaran), 69, Overland Park, Kan.
Mertz, Elizabeth Emma (Kozar), 85, Granite City
Meyer, Alvin R., 62, Mitchell
Miller, Thomas J. Sr., 87, Madison
Moshing, Helen S. (Brozowski), 80, Swansea

Murphy, Mary A. (Egan), 76, Granite City
Oline, Swana, 51, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Pace, Archie L., 82, Granite City
Piney, Mahal A. (Holt), 77, Granite City
Poole, Helen L. (Johnson), 78, Granite City
Pranalla, Mary Ann (Winkmeier), 68, Granite City
Richmond, Esther O. (Whit), 78, Granite City
Robinson, Beth Ann, 30, Granite City
Robison, Marion M., 76, Granite City
Rosa, Daniel, 85, East St. Louis

"Rush, Clay Arthur, 72, Marine
Sabot, John J., 71, Clearwater, Fla.
"Satterfield, Anna Marie (Herman), 52, Erie, Pa.
Schroeder, Martin Joseph, 78, Madison
Shiffer, Frank A., 88, Madison
"Ukman, Sister Theodore, 81, St. Louis
"Ussery, Ronald L. Sr., 39, Highland
Waggoner, Mamie K. (Waggoner), 31, Granite City
Wallace, Malcolm Brandon, 66, Dover, Tenn.

NEWS

Counties team up on runoff problem

Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties have teamed up to combat flooding caused by storm water runoff. The initiative is expected to include uniform rules on new development, an effort to secure legislation that would allow regulation of storm water in upland and flood-prone areas and collection of user fees to help finance flood control.

Flood-control measures could include "anything from building a traditional reservoir to traditional channelization work to creation or preservation of wetlands or flood plains," said Dave Rabhe, leader of the Metro East Watershed Planning Team. Heavy spring rains last year flooded several areas in the Mississippi River bottoms.

"1995 was a horrible year," said Madison County Board member Richard Worthen of Alton, who is vice chairman of the Metro East Regional Storm Water Committee, an advisory group of elected officials. "The ditches are full of sediment. We've had a lot of development and 100 years of neglect. We need help that goes beyond technicians."

Officials independently studying flooding in the Caseyville area and siltation and water quality problems at Horseshoe Lake concluded several years ago that only a regional approach to storm water runoff would produce improvements.

The planning team began taking shape about two years ago and includes Rabhe, who is a resource conservationalist, another resource conservationalist, an economist, a civil engineer, a hydrologist-hydraulic engineer and a planning technician. Cooperating are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Department of Transportation's Office of Water Resources and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"The hope is that we'll be able to identify projects that could be federally funded or state funded," Rabhe said.

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Art Voellinger

Local grads find niche with NU

Call them footnotes if you wish, but there are a few items I failed to note in 1995 that merit passing along... Northwestern University drew much attention this collegiate football season, but this corner had interest in the Wildcats long before the suburban Chicago school achieved a Big Ten Conference title and Rose Bowl appearance.

Among the Southwestern Illinois athletes (and I'm bound to forget some) to attend Northwestern were Rick Wagner and Bob McKelvey from Belleville Township, Tomma Maul and Frank Beaudreaux from Althoff, Billy Greenwald from Highland, Larry Curry from Granite City and Brian Chamberlain from O'Fallon.

WHILE WAGNER was renowned as a left-handed pitcher on the amateur and men's levels prior to having his motion changed at Northwestern in the mid-1950s, when shoulder woes ended what could have been a pro career, the others found their niche at Northwestern.

Maul played linebacker in the 1970s and Beaudreaux was an outstanding defensive tackle in the '80s, when Curry also played on the defensive line and Greenwald saw special teams action. Chamberlain currently is in his second year of Wildcats basketball, but the most successful statistically was McKelvey. Another former Maroon, Bill Inlandfeldt, may have achieved more academically.

A quarterback at ETHS in 1964-65, Inlandfeldt played collegiately at Illinois Wesleyan but found success at Northwestern, where he was a financial adviser to the athletic department prior to his current position as an assistant to the dean of the university.

McKelvey, a leader of a 10-0 Maroons football team in 1962, played three seasons at Northwestern and, as a fullback, led the Wildcats in rushing in 1965 and '66 with 578 and 499 yards respectively and in scoring with 46 points in '65.

OVERTIME: Often, I try to make note of persons who died that in some way touched the sports scene. I was remiss in '95 by not mentioning Isidore "Izzy" Schmidt, Lyric Fischer, Jane Muehl and Henry "Babe" Rodriguez of Belleville and Danny Menendez of Wisconsin Dells, formerly of East St. Louis.

Mr. Schmidt died at age 62 on Aug. 9. The father of Belleville West basketball coach Billy Schmidt and former Althoff assistant Tommy Schmidt, Izzy was the retired president of Hill-Thomas Lime and Cement Co., and active in civic organizations.

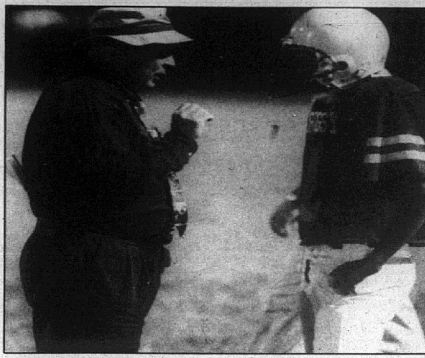
After suffering a stroke a few years ago, he showed great courage in his battle against health woes while still managing to get to high school basketball games.

Lyric Fischer, 73, died on Oct. 21, and is best remembered as the area's most loyal University of Illinois athletic booster. The owner of Lyric Fischer's Tavern in Belleville, he not only attended many Illinois sporting events but flew the Illinois flag outside his place of business at 1201 E. Main St.

Jane Muehl died at age 49 on Nov. 1, and was an example for all who knew her or were taught by her during a 26-year career at Belleville West. Despite being a victim of polio, Jane became one of the area's best speech and theater teachers.

Mr. Rodriguez, 78, also died Nov. 1 — two days prior to the death of his cousin Danny Menendez. "Babe" was the brother-in-law of former Cleveland Indians major league manager Dave Garcia, formerly of East St. Louis, and now of El Cajon, Calif.

Mr. Menendez died at age 79 after a successful career in pro baseball that included 21 years with the Montreal Expos, for whom he retired as general manager in 1986.



Nick Petrillo (left), a former assistant at GCHS, will take over as the Warriors' head coach next season after four years at Grigsby.

Board names Petrillo new Warriors' coach

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City School Board voted 7-0 Tuesday night to hire Nick Petrillo as the new head football coach at Granite City High School.

Petrillo takes over for Don Harris, who resigned his position after the end of the 1995 football season. Petrillo had been coaching at Grigsby Middle School, where he guided the Gators to Madison County Association titles the past two years.

More importantly, the Gators won the City Trophy the past two seasons, including last year when the Gators went 6-0.

"I'M EXCITED ABOUT this opportunity," Petrillo said. "I feel really good about this. I guess being older allows you to compose yourself easier."

School district personnel director Pat Schuman said Petrillo was the right man for the job, and the administration's first choice.

"We felt like he brought a lot of experience, and he's also a very wise individual," Schuman said. "He brings a wide perspective of what it means to coach a football team, with all of the ups and downs."

Petrillo, 48, previously was an assistant coach for the high school, but Schuman said he got caught up in the big 1992 teacher reductions.

"So we're glad to have him back," he said.

AFTER HE LEFT the high school, Petrillo coached at Peru State College in Peru, Neb. He then returned to the area and coached at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., before returning to the Granite City school district.

"It's true that I wanted the job before," Petrillo said. "So I've been waiting for this job for a long time. Before, I was more emotional. (See PETRILLO, Page 3B)



Harris

Comanches upend GCHS

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Only one team showed up to play Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium, and unfortunately it wasn't the Granite City Warriors.

Cahokia (5-5) ran and shot its way to a 65-52 nonconference win. Injury woes are hurting the Warriors (4-8), but coach John Van Buskirk said that's no excuse for the way his team played.

Van played without any fire in our rear ends. We just didn't play well," Van Buskirk said. "Dustin Brewer didn't play because of an injury, and neither did Jeff Wallis. But we just didn't do the things we needed to do to win without those two."

Cahokia 6-6 center Fontez DeBerry, among the area's scoring leaders, pumped in 21 points. But the difference for the Comanches was guard Mike Clemmons, who had 24 points.

THREE WARRIORS did score in double figures. Jay Simpson led Granite City

with 15 points, while Ray Smith scored 13 and Steve Logan added 12. But it was on the defensive end and on the boards where the Warriors were lacking.

"They are very athletic, and they outrebounded us tremendously," Van Buskirk said. "They had several easy second shots at the basket, but we didn't box out, and that's our fault. We weren't willing to do what it took to win."

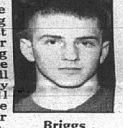
The Warriors were playing their first game after learning guard Kyle Briggs will not play basketball for the remainder of this season. Briggs' knee will not require surgery, but Van Buskirk doesn't want to risk serious injury.

"This is a decision I made," Van Buskirk said. "I don't want to take any chances with Kyle's future. Hopefully, he'll be ready for the baseball season."

SO WITH BRIGGS' status certain, the Warriors can now move forward. "It's history now. We have to move on," Van Buskirk said. "I know a lot of the things going on have affected us, with all of the injuries we've received. If we could play up to our potential I'd be happy, but I can't say (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



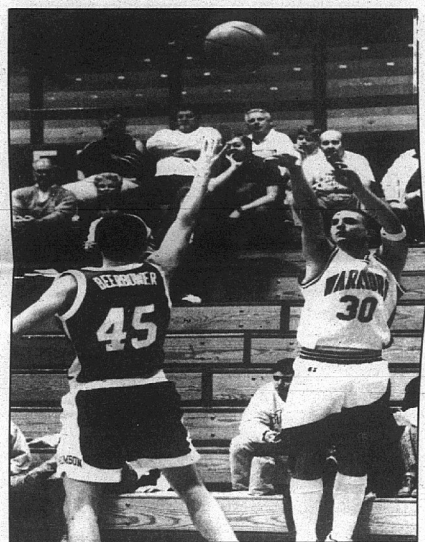
Brewer



Briggs



Wallis



Staff photo by JOHN FRESI
Jay Simpson gets off a jump shot.

Grapplers test out top competition

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Wrestlers from the Granite City Wrestling Club again enjoyed a productive weekend and got a taste of dual competition.

The older wrestlers competed in a quadrangular meet near Chicago, against three of the toughest teams in the state. It was a new experience for the older grapplers, who are used to a tournament setting but not in the team dual format.

THE YOUNGER wrestlers competed in the Missouri National Challenge on Saturday, then joined the older wrestlers for the Heartland Classic Tournament.

In the quad meet Saturday, Granite City, which was recently ranked fourth in the state, lost to two of the three teams ranked higher in the polls.

Granite City lost to Villa Lombard 67-34, and to Providence 44-44. But Granite City did defeat Orchard Park 72-33.

The scores were indicative of the increased amount of weight classes. There were 20 classes in all.

"MANY OF OUR kids had never been in a dual team before," coach Allen Kirgan said.

Kirgan added that he still thinks his team can win the state title, despite the results from Saturday.

"We can still do it, if we can get everyone there at the same (See GRAPPLERS, Page 3B)

Trojans topple Bulldogs 64-61

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Madison Trojans took another step on the ladder to respectability Tuesday when they traveled to Berkeley (Mo.) High School and upset the Bulldogs 64-61.

Berkeley, ranked fifth in the Journal small-school poll, dropped to 8-4. The Trojans played a solid defensive game, plus a strong inside game offensively, to slip past the Bulldogs.

THE TROJANS GOT 22 points and 12 rebounds from Kevin Bradley, and 12 points each from Milan Jones and Tyranley Patten. "We feel pretty good about this one," said Madison coach Al Collins. "I told the guys not to get too excited — after all, it's just one ballgame — but they deserved the credit for executing a nice game."

"This was a good, quality team we beat (Tuesday) night."

Bradley hit his last basket with 15 seconds remaining to give the Trojans (7-5) a five-point lead. A meaningless basket by the Bulldogs (8-4) with three seconds left brought the score closer.

COLLINS COULDN'T help but credit his defense, which held the Bulldogs to under 35 percent shooting on the night.

"Berkeley is a big, strong team, with a lot of quickness and agility, and we had to work hard to match up to their quickness," Collins said. "The combination of big, strong players, and lanky, quick players was just something we hadn't seen yet."

"I was proud of the way we stuck with them in the match-up."

The Trojans took a 14-11 lead after one quarter, only to see the Bulldogs come back and run out to a 29-24 lead.

(See TROJANS, Page 3B)



Staff photo by JOHN FRESI
Madison's Jerriind Howard goes up for a shot as a defender closes in.

Vikings' late rally sinks skaters 4-2

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

When Jon Burns crashed into an unidentified Francis Howell defender Monday, it may have done more harm than good.

Burns nearly took the head off of the Vikings' player, on a tremendous clean hit in the second period of a Mid-States Club Hockey Association game between Granite City and Howell at Wilson Park.

THE HIT was too good, though.

Burns knocked the glass out of the boards, causing a 10-minute delay which killed the Warriors' momentum and led to a 4-2 win for Howell.

Granite City (13-2) had just rallied from a two-goal deficit, and had Howell (8-3) on its heels. But the delay slowed things down and allowed the Vikings to regroup, and Howell went on to frustrate the Warriors, who lost their second game in just over a week.

"It was a bad break for us, but you can't blame anybody, including Jon. It was a great hit," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. "And you never know how the teams will respond after a delay like that. This time, it slowed things down, and that's what they wanted."

BURNS' PLAY typified the Warriors' luck on Monday. They played hard and physical, but couldn't quite get things to fall into place.

"We worked hard, and I'm happy about that aspect, but one thing we didn't do was put (See SKATERS, Page 3B)

Stats 'n' stuff



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City senior Steve Logan (left) tries to tip away the ball. The Warriors will play host to Alton in a Southwestern Conference game, Friday.

Hockey

Mid-States Club
Hockey Association

Standings
(As of Jan. 3)

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Webster Groves	12-0-2	26	76	23
Parke South	11-3-1	23	60	34
Parke Central	8-7-1	13	53	82
Parke West	5-9-3	13	41	57
Kirkwood	6-8-1	11	30	65
Parke North	1-13-1	3	37	96

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
John Gilbert, Webster Groves	20	22	44
Andy Crook, Parke South	19	11	30
Scott Brandes, Webster	18	12	30
Tom Fox, Parke South	10	16	20
Ross Schumaker, Parke North	16	9	25

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
DeSmet	11-1-2	24	71	21
OSD	6-2-1	13	56	58
Vianney	9-3-3	21	57	31
Chaminade	9-3-1	19	58	55
SLUH	6-8-0	12	48	55
MICDS	4-9-0	8	47	60

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Travis Wood, MICDS	18	12	30
Connor Dunlop, Chaminade	14	11	28
Chris Kellogg, DeSmet	13	11	24
Joe Bossa, Chaminade	11	12	23
Adam Parker, MICDS	8	15	23

Blue Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakville	8-6-1	17	77	54
Hazelwood Central	6-7-2	14	56	58
Fox	5-6-2	12	41	57
Mohaville	2-8-3	7	29	80
Lafayette	1-11-2	4	32	74
Ladue	0-12-2	2	20	74

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Jason Law, Haz. Central	15	17	32
Brian Elder, Oakville	12	17	28
Michael Silva, Oakville	10	10	22
Eric Ormsen, Oakville	10	11	21
Steve Barteau, Haz. Central	10	10	20

Tier II
Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	8-4-2	18	83	28
Francis Howell	7-3-3	17	54	25



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Great Overland Trails

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Charles West	3-9-2	8	37	95
St. Charles North	2-9-4	8	32	49
St. Charles West	2-7-4	8	33	66
St. Charles	0-14-0	0	17	120

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Ian Bollerson, Howell North	18	12	30
Nick Frost, Howell North	6	11	17
Danny Zahner, Howell North	10	6	18
Mike Keller, Howell North	7	9	16
Ryan Barklage, Howell North	7	9	16

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Granite City	12-1-0	24	90	32
Orchard Farm	1-8-5	7	48	64
Hazelwood East	1-13-1	3	34	116

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Brian Curran, McCluer North	18	10	28
Mikal Guley, Granite City	16	10	26
Kevin Nenniger, Granite City	15	9	23
Aaron Reeves, Granite City	9	14	23
Jason Cooper, Haz. East	13	9	22

Blue Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Rockwood Summit	11-4-0	22	82	34
St. Mary's (Whitfield)	10-3-1	21	64	43
Gary Goltz, Lindbergh	9-3-2	18	60	39
Lindbergh	6-3-4	16	54	53
John Burroughs	6-4-2	14	60	39
Clayton	6-4-2	14	49	38

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Preston Amos, Whitfield	20	19	39
Shawn Laski, Lindbergh	9	25	34
Gary Goltz, Lindbergh	21	12	33
Brandon Davidson, Summit	17	15	33
Jason Schepeler, Summit	15	12	37

Boys basketball

METRO STANDINGS

ABC League

Team	Conf	Overall
John Burroughs	1-0	0-1
Lutheran South	2-0	0-3
Principia	0-0	0-1
Country Day	0-1	0-4
Priory	0-0	0-0
Lutheran North	0-2	0-4

Archdiocesan

Team	Conf	Overall
DuBoing	2-0	0-4
Cardinal Ritter	2-0	0-4
Rosary	1-1	0-4
St. Mary's	1-1	0-4
Kennedy	0-2	0-6
Aquinas-Mercy	0-2	1-7

Cahokia

Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	3-0	11-1
Freeburg	2-1	9-5
Westlin	2-1	9-5
Lebanon	3-2	6-6
Red Bud	3-2	6-6
Waterloo	3-3	6-7
Dupo	1-1	5-8
Carlyle	1-2	5-8
Freeburg	0-2	7-7
New Athens	0-3	2-9
Marissa	0-3	0-9

Gateway

Conf

Team	Conf	Overall
St. Charles West	3-0	9-2
Troy	2-0	6-3
Howell	2-1	6-5
St. Charles East	1-1	6-4
Wentzville	1-1	6-6
St. Charles South	1-2	4-8
Duchesne	0-2	6-6
St. Charles	0-1	4-7

Illinois Independents

Team	Conf	Overall
Gibault	9-3	9-3
Bunker Hill	8-4	8-4
Okawville	7-4	7-4
Edwardsville	6-6	6-6
Medison	5-4	5-4
E. St. Louis-Lincoln	4-7	4-7
Vernon	4-8	4-8
Althoff	3-9	3-9
Lowmoy	0-5	0-5
Livingston	0-5	0-5

Metro Catholic

Team	Conf	Overall
CBC	3-0	13-0
Delmar	2-1	10-4
Chaminade	2-1	7-5
Vianney	1-2	1-10
SLUH	0-4	3-9

Missouri Independents

Team	Conf	Overall
Borgla	11-0	11-0

Public High League

Conf

Team	Conf	Overall
Wright City	3-0	5-1
Crossroads	2-0	4-4
N. County Tech	1-0	6-8
St. Dominic	1-0	2-4
S. County Tech	1-0	2-4

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall
Marion	2-0	2-0
Carbondale	1-0	1-0
Centralia	1-0	1-0
St. Vernon	1-0	1-0
Cahokia	1-2	3-3
O'Fallon	0-4	0-10

Southwestern

Team	Conf	Overall
Bellefonte W.	2-0	9-2
Alton	2-1	13-2
Bellefonte W.	2-1	5-6
Collinsville	2-2	10-3
E. St. Louis	1-2	1-3
Granite City	0-3	0-6

Girls basketball

METRO BASKETBALL

Cahokia Conference

Team	Conf	Overall
Carlyle	3-0	14-0
Brescia C.	4-1	7-4
Westlin	3-2	8-3
Red Bud	3-4	5-7
Columbia	3-4	5-7
Waterloo	7-7	8-3
Freeburg	1-4	6-8
Lebanon	1-4	2-8
Dupo	0-4	3-9

Gateway

Team	Conf	Overall
St. Charles West	2-0	8-3
Howell North	1-0	8-5
St. Charles	1-0	8-5
Howell South	2-1	11-1
Duchesne	0-2	5-7
Troy	0-1	3-4
Wentzville	0-3	4-7
St. Charles South	0-2	1-8
St. Charles North	0-2	1-8

Great Overland Trails

Team	Conf	Overall
Orchard Farm	1-0	5-2
Lutheran S.C.	0-0	0-2
Westminster	0-1	5-4
Siler	0-0	3-4
Metro East	0-1	4-8

Volley Park

Conf

Team	Conf	Overall
St. John's	0-0	0-0
Whitfield	0-1	0-1

Illinois Independents

Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	11-2	11-2
Althoff	10-4	10-4
Gibault	9-4	9-4
Delmar	21	21
Okawville	47	47
Chaminade	27	27
Madison	1-9	1-9
Bunker Hill	0-1	0-1

MWAA Blue

Team	Conf	Overall
Ursuline	2-0	8-4
Notre Dame	1-2	4-6
St. Elizabeth	1-2	4-6
Westminster	0-1	5-4
St. John's	0-0	3-9
Whitfield	0-1	0-1

MWAA Red

Team	Conf	Overall
John Burroughs	1-1	4-2
Lutheran North	0-0	0-0
Lutheran South	1-1	4-2
Principia	0-0	0-0
MICDS	0-0	0-0
Cor Jesu	2-0	11-2
St. Joseph's	1-0	8-2

MWAA White

Team	Conf	Overall
St. John's	0-0	0-0
Whitfield	0-1	0-1
Edwardsville	1-1	4-2
Althoff	0-0	0-0
Gibault	1-1	4-2
Delmar	0-0	0-0
Okawville	0-0	0-0
Chaminade	0-0	0-0
Madison	0-0	0-0
Bunker Hill	0-0	0-0
Ursuline	0-0	0-0
Notre Dame	0-0	0-0
St. Elizabeth	0-0	0-0
Westminster	0-0	0-0
St. John's	0-0	0-0
Whitfield	0-0	0-0
John Burroughs	0-0	0-0
Lutheran North	0-0	0-0
Lutheran South	0-0	0-0
Principia	0-0	0-0
MICDS	0-0	0-0
Cor Jesu	0-0	0-0
St. Joseph's	0-0	0-0

Public High League

Conf

Team	Conf	Overall
Wright City	3-0	5-1
Crossroads	2-0	4-4
N. County Tech	1-0	6-8
St. Dominic	1-0	2-4
S. County Tech	1-0	2-4

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall
Marion	2-0	2-0
Carbondale	1-0	1-0
Centralia	1-0	1-0
St. Vernon	1-0	1-0
Cahokia	1-2	3-3
O'Fallon	0-4	0-10

Southwestern

Team	Conf	Overall
Bellefonte W.	2-0	9-2
Alton	2-1	13-2
Bellefonte W.	2-1	5-6
Collinsville	2-2	10-3
E. St. Louis	1-2	1-3
Granite City	0-3	0-6



GCHS wrestler Jeff Estrada tangles with Paul Sanders of Hazelwood Central during the Granite City Holiday Tournament.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Journal Writers' Poll
Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Webster Groves (1

Sports shorts

Basketball coaches needed
The Granite City Park District is planning to start a junior high school-age basketball program. But before the program can begin, the Park District must know if there is a sufficient number of coaches who would be available to manage the participants.

The program would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each week for approximately six weeks.

Volunteer coaches are an important part of any Park District recreational program, and without the coaches' time and effort, the children will have no opportunity to participate.

Anyone interested in coaching is urged to call the Wilson Park office at 877-3058 as soon as possible.

K of C Free-throw tourney
The Granite City Knights of Columbus Council 1098 has set the date for its annual free-throw championship. The contest will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Old Alton Road in Granite City.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the championship is expected to begin at 11:30 a.m. All boys and girls ages 10-14 are eligible. Entrants must bring a birth certificate.

Winners will advance to the district and then to the regional levels, with those winners advancing to the state championships at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For additional information, contact Bob Palus at 451-8988.

Speedway opening set
More than 100 drivers and car owners got a head start on the 1996 racing season by attending Tri-City Speedway's 1996 Rules and General Membership meeting Sunday.

Participants in Tri-City's 1996 Pepsi-Cola Racing Series discussed and amended rules for the SKOAL Racing Sprint Cars, Budweiser Grand American Modifieds, Red Dog Pro Stocks, Champion Spark Plug Race Trucks and Tri-City Street Stocks.

A Test and Tune session for

all five racing divisions is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 with the 1996 Pepsi-Cola Racing Series getting the green flag Saturday, April 13.

For a 1996 rulebook or membership form, call Bob Wentz at 314-947-7287.

Elks Hoop Shoot set
The Granite City Elks Lodge #1063 will hold its local competition for the 24th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free-throw shooting contest for youngsters age 8-13.

The competition will be held Jan. 20 at Grigsby Middle School on Carroll Road in Granite City. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the contest will begin at 9 a.m. Competition for both boys and girls will be held in three different age categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

More than three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition. Each contestant has 25 shots at the basket. The boys and girls in each age group with the best score advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

For more information, call Jim Greenwald at 876-4315.

Gateway Indoor Sports
Gateway Indoor Sports, 3676 Market St. in St. Louis, is offering the following:

— Slow-pitch softball: League sessions start the second and third week of January; call for cost and leagues available. A co-ed pajama tournament (Double E) will be held Jan. 12-13; the cost is \$10 and pajamas are required.

— Little league baseball: Boys 10, 12 and 14 leagues are available. Leagues start Jan. 27 and run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April. The cost is \$720 per team for two hours and 10 minutes, including a 70-minute game, game balls, two umpires, a 30-minute field warm-up, 30 minutes of batting practice and batting cages and unlimited balls.

— Indoor football league: Men's and co-ed Monday night leagues are forming; the cost is \$35 or eight weeks.

For more information, call (314) 533-5425.

•Skaters

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enough shots on net," Yurkovich said. "We only had about 20 shots, and with this caliber of goalie that's not enough."

Mike Keller led Howell with a goal and an assist, but the Vikings' defense did the job by plugging up the middle and forcing mistakes at the points.

Mikal Guffey also had a goal and an assist, as he set up David Miskelley for the first Granite City goal early in the second period.

Howell took a 1-0 lead in the first period, when the Warriors seemed to be skating in quicksand. The Vikings went up 2-0 three minutes into the second period, but at that point the Warriors woke up.

Miskelley, Guffey and Aaron Reeves led a spirited shift, and

one minute after Howell's second goal, Miskelley connected from two feet in front of the Howell net.

Granite City didn't let up, and at 6:12 Guffey converted on a pass from Burns, who dug the puck out of the corner before spotting Guffey in front.

Again the Warriors pressed, and on his next shift Burns leveled the Howell defender and the glass.

Tony Evans took his first loss of the season, although he couldn't be blamed for the goals he allowed.

"They'd seen us before, so they knew what we did, and they defended it well," Yurkovich said. "Good teams can do that, so we'll have to make some changes. We have to get more shots on goal, and get some rebound chances."

•Warriors

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that about (Tuesday).

"Cahokia's just a quick team, and we didn't get back on defense. We just made way too many mental mistakes."

The Warriors return to Southwestern Conference play Friday night when they play host to Alton.

The Redbirds (12-2) look to be one of the tougher teams in the conference this season, along with Collinsville and Belleville East. After struggling for years, the Redbirds have used foreign exchange as a way to the top.

For the second straight year, the Redbirds and coach Ron

Smith have used a Brazilian player to raise their level of competitiveness. Van Buskirk is not impressed.

"As long as they (the IHSA) let them recruit players like that, we'll never be able to compete with them," he said. "And that's exactly what it is, recruiting, and that's illegal."

"The IHSA has been told about this, and they've done nothing. Not many people know that he (Smith) was an assistant coach at Benton and did the same thing. Foreign exchange students are supposed to be chosen at random, and that's obviously not the case here."

•Petrillo

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and not as mature. But now I think with my experience at three levels, I'm more prepared than ever. I suppose it worked out better this way."

Petrillo currently teaches at Prather Elementary School, and is also involved in city government as an alderman for Ward 3.

But it was his coaching experience that landed him the job, and GCHS athletic director Jerry McKeehan said he was happy to have Petrillo in the fold.

"We're excited to have him

as head coach," McKeehan said. "With his vast experience, he was an outstanding candidate. I'm sure it was a tough decision for the board to make."

"If they hadn't offered me this job, or an assistant coaching job for the high school, I'd probably stick around at Grigsby for a long time," Petrillo said. "I had a great time coaching there for four years."

"Taking over this program definitely presents a challenge, although that's nothing new. There are challenges in all coaching jobs."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Madison's Brandon McGirt drives in for a layup during last week's game against Venice.

•Trojans

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"They really turned it up a notch in that period, but I told the guys at halftime to stick with our game plan. We weren't out of it at all," Collins said.

The Trojans stayed with the Bulldogs and closed the Berkeley lead to three after the third quarter (44-41).

Berkeley was still three points up with 5:50 to play in the game (48-45), but the Trojans' pressure finally began to eat away at the Bulldogs' guards.

Madison came up with three turnovers in the next two minutes, along with big baskets by Patin and Maurice Baker, to key an 8-0 run that put the Trojans up 56-48 with 3:30 left.

Berkeley regained some momentum, bringing the score back to 50-55 with two minutes left. But a big basket by Bradley with 1:45 left put Madison up by five and forced Berkeley to foul.

The Trojans helped their cause by sinking 18 of 28 shots from the free-throw line.

"Just about everything we needed to do to win, we did it, and we were able to get a couple of breaks here and there," Collins said. "We still are having our lapses here and there, but mostly we're improving as a team just about every time out."

"I told them I was proud of the job they did, but they can't ever be satisfied, or they'll fall right back to where they were a few weeks ago."

•Grapplers

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time," he said. "Several didn't travel with us, and that included a lot of experienced wrestlers."

Undaunted, Granite City came back on Sunday in the Heartland Classic and placed third, behind Dalton Park (134 points) and Tinley Park (128).

Granite City finished with 122 team points.

"We finished third as a team there, and that was a good result, because we finished ahead of both Providence and Villa, the two teams who had beaten us the day before," Kirgan said.

"Dalton Park was very impressive, although we actually led them by a point going into the finals."

On Sunday, Granite City had six medalists. Austin Wagoner was fourth in the 55-pound class, Mark Venable was second at 138, Gary Oxford was

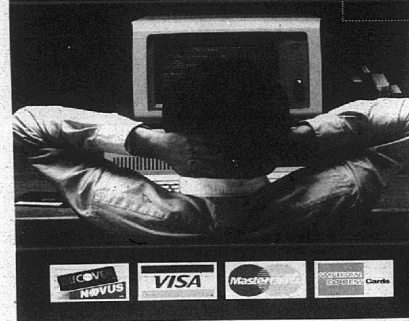
second at 95, Matt Ward was third at 189, Nick Garcia was second at 275 and George Kirgan was first at 156.

Three others just missed placing, but contributed points and helped Granite City to its high finish. Chad Wilson (189), Pat Jarman (147) and Neil Pershing (156).

Among the younger wrestlers, Cory Nance and Zach McElroy each placed first in their weight classes at the Heartland. Jesse Chaussett, T.J. Nance, Troy Howell and Alan Winters each placed third, while Thad Lilly, Matt Coppotelli, Steven Strain and Michael Wade each placed fourth.

At the Missouri Nationals, held at Forest Park Community College, Cory Nance was first at 45 pounds. He went 5-0 in the tournament with three pins and was named outstanding wrestler in the 7-under division.

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Anniversaries

Moser-
50 years

A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party was held for Henry and Ruth Moser of Granite City on Dec. 9. The party was given by their daughter, Dianne Boone, and granddaughter, Tami Hong.

In attendance were their five children, Wanda Wentle of Granite City; Jerry Thomason of San Antonio, Texas; Marty Thomason of Granite City; Linda Mimmer of Granite City; and Dianne Boone of Granite City; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also in attendance were special friend Grace Ann Gopaul from Guyana, South America;

Helen Lancaster of Farmington, Mo.; Mabel Ecol of Granite City; and Helen Webb of Cahokia, Mo. They are all sisters of Ruth Moser.

The Mosers were married Dec. 17, 1945.

Kult-
25 years

Bob and Judy (Rozycki) Kult of Granite City celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a special 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church. The celebrant was Father Francis Tebanura.

Serving as scripture readers and gift bearers were their children, Lisa, Stephanie, Chris

and Brittany. Music at the Mass was the Guitar Group, whose members were Carol Reagan, Jeanne Schnefke, John Tuff, Kathy Wienheim and Michael Holbrook.

A dinner and dance followed the ceremony at the Polish Hall with Dave Hylla's Band furnishing the music.

Members of the wedding party attending were Eva Janowski, Lee Kult, Marge Berhardt, Pat Hellon, Shirley Holmes, Bill Hellon, Ervin Konkel, John Rozycki, Tim Rozycki, Edwin Gajewski and Ray Kult. Those unable to attend were Janice Bertke, Judy Shannon and Becky Kult.

Bob and Judy Kult were married at St. Mary's Church in Madison by the late Father Engelbert.

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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When a divorced woman remarries, she will sometimes wish to change her child's name from that of the father to that of the stepfather. A mother may seek this name change for her child because the child finds it embarrassing to have a different last name than his mother. The question frequently arises as to what rights the natural father has if he opposes the name change.

Illinois law provides that a minor's last name shall be changed only when the court finds that the change is in the best interests of the minor. The person seeking a name change in these circumstances would have to show by "clear and convincing evidence" that the change was necessary to serve the best interest of the child. The relevant factors to be used in determining the best interest of the child include the wishes of the parents, the wishes of the child, the interaction and interrelationship of the child with his or her parents, and the child's adjustment to his or her home, school and community.

In one recent case, a woman and her husband were divorced in 1976. The mother was awarded custody of their

daughter, and four years later she remarried. In 1987 the mother petitioned the court on behalf of her daughter to have the daughter's last name changed to that of the stepfather. The girl was 12 years old at the time her mother instituted these proceedings, and her natural father vigorously opposed the name change.

At the hearing, the 12-year old girl testified that she wanted to change her last name so that she could have the same last name as her stepbrothers. She also testified that she loved her stepfather and that she desired to have his last name. She told the judge that she had been thinking about changing her name for almost two years. The trial court granted the petition for change of name based primarily on the expressed preference of the 12-year old girl.

The natural father appealed the decision. The Appellate Court affirmed the decision of the trial court, indicating that there was no evidence that the child was coerced into seeking a name change. The Court noted that the child was 12 years old at the time of the hearing, and her desire to change her name was apparently a product of years of thought on her part.

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96 F150 Pickup's, 5 Speed, Air	\$15,179	\$13,990
96 F150 XLT, V-8, Auto	\$17,740	\$15,870
96 F150 XLT, V-8, Auto	\$19,516	\$17,640
96 F150 Supercab, 5 Speed	\$17,081	\$15,987
96 F150 Supercab XLT, Loaded	\$24,018	\$21,932
96 F250, V-8, Auto, Air	\$20,391	\$18,450
95 Aerostar XLT, 7 Pass.	\$18,078	\$15,990
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Birth

Randy Mayes
Randy Mayes II and Lanette Robertson, both of Granite City, have announced the birth of their first child, a son.
Randy Lee Mayes III was born at 8:38 p.m. Nov. 17, 1995,

at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Maternal grandmother is Erma Cox of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Debra Mayes of Granite City.

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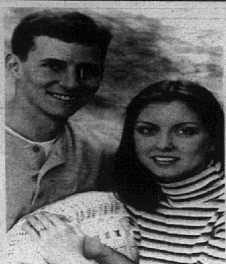
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Kimberly Pawlak
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Pawlak- Dodge

Kimberly M. Pawlak, daughter of Robert and Dorothy Pawlak of Granite City, and Johnny L. Dodge, son of Roger and Wanda Dodge of Lebanon, Mo., have announced their engagement.

Pawlak, of Independence, Mo., a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia with a degree in food and business and nutrition, is employed with John Knox Village in Lees Summit, Mo., as an assistant restaurant and catering manager.

Dodge, a 1988 graduate of Brookfield High School and a 1992 graduate of Missouri Valley College, is employed with Grandview Middle School in Grandview, Mo., as an eighth grade science teacher and football coach.

An April 20, 1996, wedding at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville is being planned.

Chandra Scowden
and Matthew Stinson

Scowden- Stinson

Chandra Kay Scowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scowden of Maestown, and Matthew Lee Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Stinson of Hamel, have announced their engagement.

Scowden, a 1992 graduate of Valmeyer High School and a December 1995 graduate of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., with a degree in elementary and music education, is employed as a teacher in Buffalo, Mo. She is pursuing her master's degree at Southwest Baptist University.

Stinson, a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, is pursuing an undergraduate degree in chemistry with minors in biology and music at Southwest Baptist University. His plans are to attend medical school in August 1997.

A May 1996 wedding is being planned.



Laura Baggette
and Ernest Walker Jr.

Baggette- Walker

Laura Baggette, daughter of Jerry and Gail Baggette of Granite City, and Ernest Walker Jr., son of Ernest Walker Sr. of Granite City and the late Barbara Walker, have announced their engagement.

Baggette, of Granite City, is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School. She will graduate in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Barnes College of Nursing and is employed with Christian Hospital Northwest in St. Louis as a nurse attendant.

Walker, a 1990 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in biological science in 1994 from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is employed with Environmental Operations Inc. in St. Louis as a project manager and environmental chemist.

A May 11, 1996, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City is being planned.

Steffens- Donikyan

Deanna Donikyan and Dan Steffens were married Oct. 1, 1995, at St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Douglaston, N.Y.

The bride is the daughter of Diran and Rita Donikyan, formerly of Granite City. A 1993 graduate of Granite City High School North and a 1988 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy, she earned her master's degree in clinical pharmacy from St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y.

She is currently an investigational pharmacist at New York University Medical Center in New York City.

The groom is the son of Ferd and Joanne Steffens of Granite City. A 1977 graduate of Granite City High School South, he received a degree in math and science at Nassau College of Long Island, N.Y., in 1994. He



Dan and
Deanna Steffens

is furthering his studies at New York University.

He is currently employed at Long Island Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy. The couple honeymooned on Sanibel Island, Fla., and live in Long Island.



Jennifer Ruder
and Stephen Schaus

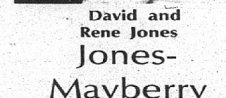
Ruder- Schaus

Jennifer Marie Ruder, daughter of Lawrence and Susan Ruder of Granite City, and Stephen Schaus, son of Richard and Vicki Schaus of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Ruder, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1995 graduate of Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She plans to begin graduate study in biology at Illinois State University.

Schaus, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's in political science and German. He currently works at Prairie Farms Dairy Supply while interning in the office of State Rep. Thomas Holbrook.

His grandparents are William and Wilma Hemken Alroy Gracey and Raymond and Glenda Schaus. The wedding ceremony will be held at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City is being planned.



David and
Rene Jones

Jones- Mayberry

Rene Lynn Mayberry of Florissant, Mo., and David Alan Jones of Granite City were married Nov. 11, 1995, at Second Baptist Church in Granite City. A reception followed at the Granite City Township Hall.

The bride, daughter of the late Gerald and Shirley Mayberry, chose Dana Stauder of St. Charles, Mo., as her matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Char Bennington of Chicago, Lisa Shepard of Winter Park, Fla., cousin of the bride, and Karla Jones of Granite City, daughter of the groom. The flower girl was Kristy Jones of Granite City, daughter of the groom.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Chamblee, Ga., chose David Keel of Granite City as his best man. The groomsmen were Tom and Greg Jones, both of Chamblee, brothers of the groom. The ushers were Michael and Dennis Turk, both of Granite City, cousins of the bride.

The wedding ceremony was officiated by the Rev. John Gambelin of Grace Baptist Church in Granite City. Music was provided by the St. Louis. The flowers were provided by Julia Betty's of Granite City.

A civil ceremony took place for the couple aboard the SS Norway Cruise Ship at the port of Miami, prior to sailing for seven days on their honeymoon. The couple will reside in Granite City.

Organizations

GCAEOP

The Granite City Association of Educational Office Personnel held its Christmas party at the home of Melanie McFarland.

Those present were Barbara Schreiber, Betty Grote, Sharon Parker, Berta Milianis, Judy Andrews, Donna Swanson, Louise Moad, Barbara Bilbey, Nancy Rosales, Kristen Hamilton, Sonya Olanesian, Barbara Dickerson, Priscilla Holder, Melanie McFarland, Kathy Martinez, Connie Cornelison and retiree Arlene Smith and Annette Landman.

Prior to a buffet meal, Louise Moad, president, conducted a short business meeting. An evening of games was enjoyed by those present and prizes were awarded to each person attending.

The January meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 22 on the Board of Education office. The program will be on "Safety for Women," which will be given by Mike Sparks.

Beta Sigma Phi

Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meetings in December.

The first meeting was in the home of Dolores Dortch. Imogene Forrest gave the program regarding formal dress. Present Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter and their role in "Program for Humanities." She told of how the program started and how the Carters became involved.

The annual Christmas party was held at the second meeting in the home of Alice Konecny. Dinner was enjoyed by all and a gift exchange was held. Lora Mae Lombardi gave the program telling of various Christmas traditions.

Other members of the chapter are Pat Tsigalaroff, Juanita Calve, Ruth Stoyanoff, Evelyn Tolliver, Joyce Alexander and Arlene Haldeman.

St. Ann's Society

St. Ann's Society of St. Mary's Church in Madison held its annual Christmas party at Engelbert Hall.

Flowered centerpiece adorned each table. Little angels were given to each in attendance. Dinner was served and Christmas carols sung. Presents were exchanged and guests played bingo.

Those attending were Jim Keefner, Karen Bernadette, Sister Linda, Sister Joan, president Rose Stern, treasurer Goldie Hozeyke, vice president Bea Stenitzer, chaplain Mary Clarke, Mary Domanski, Alexis Lux, Helen Bertacchi, Marie Symek, Karen Bridick, Frances Baker, Betty Bulva, Mary Ann Bunk, Katie Miosky, Mary Gotzian, Sophie Kreider, Laura Hopfinger, Lee Krpan, Elsie Kmetz, Cecil Kowalczyk, Margaret Kulasa, Julia Kutzer, Mary Krainovich, Vada Krainovich, Carol Robertson, Lee Lupa, Vicki Perjak, Mary Pogorelac, Sophie Thomas, Vera Sikora, Eleanor Tutka, Janet Werner, Adele Wasylak, Aida Yurko, Josephine Yurko, Bernie Brinza, and Mildred Gajowski.

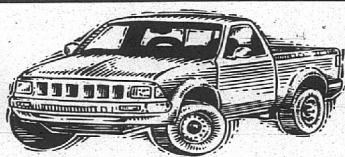
St. Clair Salon 148

Thirty-two partners of St. Clair Salon 148 attended the annual Christmas party at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville.

Guests attending were departmental chapeau Jackie Bouchat, Irene Prater and Judy Zimmerman of Madison County Salon 53. Zimmerman is the demi chapeau premiere of departmental.

Christmas party chairman Amanda Markreich of Fairmont City and Co-chairman Marilyn Cox planned an evening of fun and fellowship. Partners exchanged Christmas gifts. A banquet was served. Attendance prizes were given.

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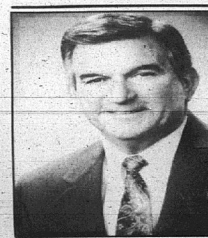
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Former Millikin student lands role in mini-series

The name Heather Burress of Worden isn't a household name but she is doing her best to make it one. The former Millikin University student recently finished working on a role in a mini-series for NBC titled "Seduced By Madness: The Diane Borchardt Story."

The two-part show will air during "sweeps week" in February and is based on the story of a Wisconsin woman who convinced her study hall students to kill her husband. Burress plays the part of Borchardt's stepdaughter. It stars Anne Margret and Peter Coyote, and is directed by John Patterson, who directed "Hill Street Blues." Burress began work on the project soon after the filming of the movie "Foxfire: Confessions of a Girl Gang," in which she plays one of two main characters. The film is scheduled for a Los Angeles premiere in April and then will be distributed in large markets. Depending upon the interest generated in the large cities, the film may be released regionally. Burress said she "has been auditioning for almost every-

thing" and hopes to continue her success. "People come out to Hollywood with nothing and try to wing it," she says. "A lot of them try to come out and get noticed because of their looks and it just doesn't seem to work."

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